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LAKE IN PARK WILL BE HOME OF TWO SWANS

Herman Loeffel Promises Mayor He Will Obtain Birds for the Park.

CHAS MOEDER MAY GET LIVE DEER FROM TEXAS

One Man Offers Eagle To Park—Many Zoo Animals Available.

The Fairgrounds Park will be the home of two swans as soon as the weather becomes warm enough for them to be kept outdoors regularly. Herman Loeffel, building contractor, last night announced that he expects to furnish the swans. The promise was made to Mayor Kage and the proper arrangements to care for the graceful birds will be made this spring.

Mr. Loeffel's promise was made when he learned that the Fairgrounds Park had been taken over by the City yesterday afternoon, and simultaneously, the Mayor discussed plans for the future of the park.

Interest in the Zoo as one of the principal features of the park has become active in recent weeks and the Mayor has received many offers of animals. Many business men in the Cape have made offers to furnish animals for the Zoo and many farmers living throughout the county have read of the Zoo plans in The Tribune and have spoken to the Mayor, offering native wild animals that they have trapped.

"I think that one thing to make the Fairgrounds a real park would be to have a couple of swans at home on the bosom of the little lakes there," Herman Loeffel said. "They can keep themselves and it would be very little work to look after them. The only thing to be guarded against in my opinion, would be to see that none of our amateur or enterprising hunters go out there and shoot them."

It is quite probable, the Mayor declared, that the City will be able to obtain a couple of deer from Texas. Charles Moeder, who returned from Big Wells and other Texas points last week, recently told the Mayor that his son, who is located in Texas, may be able to furnish the City with deer for the park.

There is a law against shipping them out of the state, Mr. Moeder said, but his son declared that he believes if the deer are to be used for park purposes, the shipment would be allowed by the state authorities.

Mr. Moeder told the Mayor that the deer in certain parts of Texas are slaughtered and left to lie on the ground without the venison even being taken care of.

A farmer living near the Cape several days ago called upon the Mayor to offer to sell to the City a bald eagle, which had been trapped in the hills in the northwestern part of the county.

Several offers of possums and coons have been made as well as foxes and other animals that live in this section of Missouri.

The Mayor last night declared that the plans for widening the street along West Broadway from the Boulevard to the City Limits, skirting the southern boundary line of the park, will be carried to a conclusion at an early date. A new fence will be erected in place of the high board fence that now is in place and the work of improving the interior of the park will be done by a landscape gardener.

"The City will have to employ a man who is expert in the knowledge of landscape making," the Mayor said, "and it will be economy to get a good man who will know what to do with the natural advantages we have in our park. Now that we have the Fairgrounds park in our possession, the City shall endeavor to make it a place that people from all parts of Southeast Missouri will come to view."

LIMITS SODA FLAVORS.

Indianapolis, Feb. 9.—"What'll you have, chocolate, strawberry, or vanilla?"

No other flavor for your soda water will be on the menu, if Dr. H. G. Morgan of the city board of health has his say.

Dr. Morgan says the soda fountain

Pressman Finds Three Mice In His Right Boot

Albert Rannels Uncovers Foot On Street and Lets Rodents Out After They Had Tickled His Toes.

Albert Rannels, a colored pressman at The Tribune office, yesterday morning unintentionally took three mice away from his home on South Sprigg street in his right boot.

It happened this way: Albert's alarm clock fell asleep during the night and when the hour came for it to awaken the head of the house, there was nothing doing. Thirty minutes later, his eyes opened without any persuader and he glanced at the clock. The half hour that he had overslept had to be made up in dressing and getting away. He slipped into his clothing like a city fireman, snatched a few bites of breakfast and started for the office.

He was walking rapidly and had gone more than a block from his home when he was startled by a wiggling sensation in the toe of his right boot. He paused, moved his toes, and actually jumped when he felt something fiddling with his large toe. It felt like a cocklebur.

He leaned against the fence and removed the boot. He looked at his toes, but discovered nothing. A glance down the boot revealed a mouse.

"Get out of there, you little rascal," said Albert as he tipped the leg of the boot. The mouse complied. The little rodent hopped out and scurried away under the sidewalk.

Albert then started to draw on the boot and saw another mouse. "Beat it!" he shouted down his leg, and mouse No. two jumped out and ran as hard as it could for a hole under the walk.

Once more the pressman started to shove his foot back into the boot when he saw the third mouse. "Hey! What do you want down there?" he demanded. "Get out and take all of your friends with you."

Mr. Mouse leaped out and landed on the walk. Albert hurled a club at the little rodent as it dived into a hole. He then turned his boot upside down and shook it vigorously. Then he shoved his foot in to it and hurried to the office.

He believes the mice would have remained quiet, if the air in the boot had not become contaminated.

M. E. PATTERSON HEADS EAST ST. LOUIS BANK

Former Bank Examiner Here Is Chosen President of Dover National.

M. E. Patterson, for several years a National Bank Examiner, assigned to this territory, and who was mentioned for President of the First National Bank in this city, during its reorganization period several years ago, has been made President of the Dover National Bank of East St. Louis.

This is one of the strongest financial institutions in East St. Louis, and has been inspected by Mr. Patterson for the past two years. The president of the organization recently resigned, due to ill health, and the position was tendered to Mr. Patterson by the Board of Directors. He accepted the offer and took charge a few days ago.

GIVES PARTY FOR SISTER.

Mrs. Ella Wissmann Entertains For Mrs. W. A. Strong of Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Ella Wissmann, yesterday entertained several friends at her home on Themis street, in honor of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Strong, of Wichita, Kansas, who will depart from the Cape shortly, after spending several days visiting here.

Several old fashioned games and forms of entertainment were rejuvenated. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Harness, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Highsopher, Mrs. Marsella Points and Mrs. Lucile Surry.

men have so many flavors in their cans that corroding is frequent. With less variety it will be possible for them to keep their equipment more sanitary.

GERMAN ATTACK IN FRANCE WORST OF ALL THE WAR

London Announces New Movement Is Most Desperate—No Results.

WASHINGTON TO MAKE JOHN BULL BEHAVE

Col. Roosevelt To Toss Hat Into Ring On Return From West Indies.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

London, Feb. 9.—The German offensive in France, is one of the most desperate and sanguinary of the war, it was announced by the War Office tonight. Paris claims a slight advantage between Rheims and Soissons, and declares that the Germans again bombarded Belfort today.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The first fruits of the settlement of the Lusitania case will be that the United States will assert itself to Great Britain "on the principle of freedom of the seas."

Great Britain will be asked in the next communication to reconcile the universally adopted principle of freedom of the seas with her arbitrary extension of contraband, seizure, of the mails and the illegal restrictions of commerce generally under the authority of orders in council.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

London, Feb. 9.—Two German seaplanes attempted another air raid on the Kentish coast today. This time they were repulsed by the British aeroplanes and seaplanes before they were able to inflict damage of importance.

The raid was aimed at the seaside resort towns of Ramsgate and Broadstairs, which lie two miles apart. Two women and one child were injured, the War Office announced.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

New York, Feb. 9.—"Colonel Roosevelt will accept the Republican nomination for President, if it comes from the Republican states," declared Col. Cecil Lyon of Texas. Col. Roosevelt will sail for the West Indies next Friday.

On his return it is believed by his close friends, among them Col. Lyon, that affairs will have shaped themselves so he will be able to declare his candidacy openly.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Representative Slemm, chairman of the Virginia Republican Committee, today made public a letter from Justice Hughes, declaring:

"My Dear Mr. Slemm: Your letter of Feb. 3 has been received. I am entirely out of politics and I know nothing whatever of the matters to which you refer. I am totally opposed to the use of my name in connection with the nomination and to the selection of any delegates in my interest, either directly or remotely."

"Very sincerely yours,
"CHARLES E. HUGHES."

CHESTER, (ILL.) ATTORNEY DIES

Chester, Ill., Feb. 9.—Ralph E. Sprigg, 56 years old, a well known attorney, died at his home yesterday. He was twice State's Attorney of Randolph County.

MAN 115 YEARS OLD WORKS.

West Virginian Says He Is World's Oldest Citizen.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 9.—Claiming to be one of the oldest men alive John Daniel Coleman, senior member of the firm of J. D. Coleman & Son, is still actively engaged in work at the age of 115 years. He is a resident of Victor, Fayette County, and has always lived in the mountains. He says he was born in 1800.

Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Coleman spends most of his week days in his store, making sales and buying country produce. On Sundays he goes to church twice, and in the past seven years has missed only one Sunday on account of illness. A clay pipe is his constant companion. He says he has used tobacco since he was 15 years old.

Former Missouri Governor Who Is Ready To Toss Hat Into Ring



Washington, Feb. 9.—Former Gov. Folk of Missouri said today that within the next few days he would make a formal announcement of his attitude toward the gubernatorial race. Folk had intended to make his announcement today, but matters developed which caused him to delay it for a short time. He may make his position public tomorrow.

Meanwhile he declined to confirm or deny any statements made by some of his friends that he would "not make the fight" for the nomination.

NEW BANK TO HAVE HOME ON BROADWAY

Judge Schaefer Says Stockholders Voted Against Locating Downtown.

The stockholders of the Cape Exchange Bank met last night at the home of Judge William B. Schaefer and decided to locate on Broadway. The location was decided by a vote of the stockholders, Judge Schaefer announced. About one third of them favored locating the bank on Main street, but as it was left to a majority vote, those who preferred Broadway, won.

Three sites are being considered on Broadway, Judge Schaefer said, but he declined to name them. He said one would be chosen at a special meeting of the Board of Directors Friday night. At this meeting the President and Vice President will be selected.

The stockholders, at the meeting last night, agreed to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Those present signed up for \$44,000 of the amount needed, and it is believed by Judge Schaefer that the remaining \$6,000 will be subscribed by the stockholders who were unable to attend the conference.

"The fixtures will be here sometime next week," he said, "and as soon as they arrive, we will be ready to install them in the bank building. We have virtually closed the deal for a lease on a building, but as the matter has not been finally passed on by the attorneys representing both parties, I do not care to give the exact location."

"We have two other buildings that have been considered, as well as the lot adjoining the I. Ben Miller store. A number of people have informed us that they are willing to do business with us the day we open our doors. From the voluntary offers we have received, we are confident that our deposits will be heavy from the day the bank opens."

WILL MOVE TO CAPE.

Ernest Caldwell, East Side Farmer, Quits Farm For Stock Trade.

Ernest Caldwell, wealthy East Side farmer, who during the present high water when the entire East Side was flooded brought 28 head of mules over to the Cape to save them from drowning in the waters, has announced his intention of locating in the Cape permanently and quitting his farm two miles from the river.

He expects to locate a barn on the South Side and engage in the stock business here. He is preparing now to ship a car load of mules out of the Cape to Southern points for disposal.

ARRESTS T. TATUM AT PORTAGEVILLE

W. J. Seagraves Goes After Boy Wanted For Check Job In Cape.

Tom Tatum, scion of a family formerly well known in Southeast Missouri, yesterday was arrested in Portageville and held for the authorities in the Cape on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, by cashing two checks in the Cape when he had no account in the bank against which he checked.

Deputy Sheriff W. J. Seagraves early this morning departed for Portageville to bring Tatum back to the Cape. Seagraves has a warrant for Tatum's arrest issued on the complaint of H. H. Haas, of the St. Charles Pharmacy, where one of Tatum's checks was cashed.

He is expected to arrive in the Cape this afternoon with his prisoner. Seagraves received word of Tatum's arrest late yesterday afternoon from the police in Portageville.

Tatum had entered a store in Portageville to make some purchases. He offered in payment for his bill of goods a check for \$15 on the Sturdivant bank in the Cape.

The proprietor of the store took the check to the cashier of the Portageville bank, who in turn called the Sturdivant bank by long distance telephone and asked if the check was good.

Mr. Haas had given all the Cape banks notification of the check he had received and when the call from Portageville came, the banker there was told to have the marshal arrest Tatum for the Cape police.

The merchant returned to his store with the marshal and found Tatum. Tatum submitted to his arrest without a word.

He arrived in the Cape on January 31 and registered at the St. Charles Hotel, where he ran up a bill of \$14.50. Monday he ordered a fifty cent prescription at the St. Charles Pharmacy and paid for it with a check for \$2.50, receiving \$2 change.

He then cashed a check at the American Clothing Store for \$4 and when he prepared to depart, he offered Joe Moore, night clerk at the St. Charles Hotel, a check for \$14.50 to cover the amount of his bill. Moore refused to accept the check after learning that the man had no account in the Sturdivant Bank, on which it was drawn, and held his baggage, a suit case and a traveling bag.

Tatum departed without endeavoring to take his baggage and disappeared from the Cape. His luggage contained four suits of clothing of

FAIR ASSN. WILL CUT A \$30,000 MELON MONDAY

Deal For Sale of Fairgrounds Park Closed—Kage Gets Deed.

NO STRINGS ARE TIED TO CITY'S OWNERSHIP

Fair Board Will Declare First Dividend 200 Per Cent at Once—2nd In July.

A \$30,000-melon will be cut next Monday afternoon by the Board of Directors of the Fair and Park Association, it was announced last night after the final steps had been taken in the purchase of the fairgrounds as a city park.

The deed for the property, signed by President Charles Blattner and Secretary Herman Bremermann, yesterday was delivered to Mayor Kage in return for which, the Mayor tossed Clyde Vandivort and Mr. Bremermann one of the city's saffron colored warrants good for only \$30,000.

That ended the campaign for a city park that began more than two years ago and was won only after the matter was carried through court litigation and finally received the approval of the voters of the Cape by a majority of nearly three to one.

The money with which to buy the park had been lying in the First National Bank to the City's credit for three days and the final closing of the deal awaited the adjustment of some financial matters by the Fair Association.

A series of \$4,000 worth of bonds had been issued against the park property which constituted the only lien upon the park and President Blattner removed that incumbrance before closing the deal for the sale of the land to the City, so that the property which the City received is clear.

The deed relates briefly the proceedings of the Council leading to the issue of the park bonds. It bears a \$30 stamp and covers several typewritten pages.

The announcement of the meeting of the directors of the Fair Association was made last night by Clyde Vandivort, one of the heavy stockholders in the association.

Treasurer John L. Miller a couple of days ago declared that the first dividend that will be paid on the stocks probably will amount to 200 per cent and a balance of about \$3,000 will be held in the bank to take care of any expenses that may arise within the next few months.

The final wind-up of the Association's affairs will be made about July, when the second dividend will be paid and all the stocks cancelled.

President Charles Blattner has been ill at his home on the Bloomfield road with a severe attack of grip and bronchitis for several days and the final steps in the park sale were conducted from his home to a great extent. He has not been able to come to the Cape for some time, but it is anticipated that he will be able to make the trip to town for the meeting planned.

It is also understood that Harry L. Machen, one of the directors of the association, will return to the Cape from the South to attend the meeting.

FINCH FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Fornfelt Lawyer to Seek Republican Nomination, He Announces.

Judge James Finch of Fornfelt, former secretary of the Republican State Committee, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Attorney General. He has informed his close personal friends in this city that he will make the race.

Mr. Finch is one of the best known Republicans in Southeast Missouri. He was called the original Hadley man in this section of the state and was appointed judge to fill out an unexpired term while Hadley was governor.

good quality, as well as several other articles of clothing of value. There was a key from a Kansas City hotel, in one of the bags.

Tatum registered himself from Tatum, New Mexico, where his father is said to reside. His father, it is said, is wealthy. He formerly lived in Southeast Missouri.

POTTIE WILLER DIES AFTER ONE NIGHT'S ILLNESS

Stricken With Pneumonia In Afternoon, He Becomes Delirious and Succumbs.

TWO MEN BATTLED TO KEEP HIM IN HOUSE

Son of Veteran Justice Was the Largest Man In The City.

William F. (Pottie) Willer, son of Judge and Mrs. W. H. Willer died shortly after 5 o'clock this morning of pneumonia, after an illness of but a few days. He became seriously ill only yesterday afternoon and died without removing his clothing.

Early last night his fever developed to a dangerous degree and he became delirious. His mother and two men battled with him for several hours to prevent him from leaving the house.

He became quieted shortly before 4 o'clock and fell asleep. He awakened about an hour later and suffered a sinking spell. In spite of heroic efforts to revive him, he died without regaining consciousness.

It required the strength of two men to hold William F. Willer, son of Judge and Mrs. W. H. Willer, in his bed at his home on Good Hope street, early this morning, when, in a delirium that accompanied a severe sinking spell from pneumonia, he got up, dressed and started to leave the house.

In his delirium, he believed that he was not at home and he declared that he was going home.

Mr. Willer is the biggest and probably the strongest man in the Cape and the struggles of two men who were aided by his mother, Mrs. Helena Willer, in keeping him inside the house, were supplemented by continual arguments with the delirious man, attempting to restore him to normal condition.

He failed to recognize the men who worked with his as well as his mother. At 3 o'clock this morning, however, the three had succeeded in keeping him inside the house and he was contented to sit on the side of his bed not allowing any of the clothing to be removed.

To have permitted the man to leave the house, would have been extremely dangerous to his condition, according to the physician in attendance.

Mr. Willer became ill several days ago when he was confined to his home at 433G Good Hope street, with a severe cold and slight touch of the grip. Last week he was forced to go to bed and he gradually became worse.

It was not believed that his illness would be dangerous, but yesterday, the doctor announced that one of his lungs was affected with pneumonia and that his condition was critical. He suffered from hemorrhages of the lungs virtually all day long and last night at 6 o'clock, he went into the firm delirium.

Mrs. Willer was attending her son alone at the time the first delirious attack began, and she ran to the telephone to summon aid. Charles Werner and a companion ran to the Willer home from Haarig and aided in holding him in bed. The first attack lasted for nearly three hours and it was after 9 o'clock that he went to sleep.

Arrangements were made for the two men to watch overnight at the bedside of the sick man and early this morning, he was seized with the second attack of delirium. He woke and the struggle began immediately to keep him from getting out side the house where he would be exposed to the cold night air.

Owing to Mr. Willer's great weight, the physician declared, it is very difficult to administer the medicines properly to him, for doses that would be given to others, would be exceedingly dangerous to Mr. Willer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 9.—Six electrical gun carriages are ready for shipment to New York today to be installed on the new United States battleship California, now in the course of construction. The gun carriages were made at the plant of the Westinghouse Electric Company. It was not until the work of assembling was started that the workmen at the plant knew what they were making.